

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

- Event:** National event assisting authorities of Madagascar to develop a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP) on UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004).
- Organizer(s):** Government of Madagascar, with the support of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Date and Venue:** 5-6 June 2019, Antananarivo, Madagascar
- Participants:** Madagascar, UNODA and the 1540 Committee Group of Experts

### **Background**

Resolution 1977 (2011) encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including through visits to States at their invitation. Also, the resolution encourages all States to prepare on a voluntary basis national implementation action plans (NAP), with the assistance of the 1540 Committee as appropriate. Since the adoption of resolution 1977 (2011), the 1540 Group of Experts have interacted with States to assist them with the drafting of such plans, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ghana, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malawi, Niger, Senegal, Tajikistan, Togo and Turkmenistan.

Through a letter from the Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations in New York, addressed to the Chair of the Committee, dated 29 June 2018, a formal request was made to the Committee to provide technical and financial assistance for a workshop related to the drafting of a voluntary National Action Plan for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004). The Chair of the Committee responded positively in a letter, dated 17 July 2018, to this request.

### **Highlights and discussions**

From 5-6 June 2019, the Government of Madagascar, in cooperation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and with the support of the UNODA, organized a national workshop in Antananarivo, Madagascar to develop a voluntary national implementation action plan for resolution 1540 (2004). The workshop, funded by contributions to the UN Trust Fund for Global and Regional Disarmament Activities by the European Union, attracted high-level interest from the Government of Madagascar.

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The 1540 Committee Experts and UNODA representative together with Madagascar's authorities, discussed national measures to ensure the effective implementation of the operative paragraphs of resolution 1540 at the policy, legislative and enforcement levels, including through the development of a National Implementation Action Plan (NAP). Special attention was paid to establishing an interagency co-ordination mechanism to ensure a coherent approach and sustainability of the progress achieved in implementing the resolution. During the meeting a draft framework and structured outline of a NAP were worked out.

### **Additional Comments**

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